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SUBJ: CASTRO VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. CUBAN LEADER FIDEL CASTRO MADE PREVIOUSLY UN-ANNOUNCED BRIEF STOP AT PRAGUE EVENING SEPTEMBER 17, EN ROUTE HOME FROM VISIT TO HANOI. FIRST INDICATION OF VISIT WAS UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AT CASTLE IN EVENING, FOLLOWED BY POSTING OF POLICE ALONG ROAD FROM AIRPORT. CASTRO WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL HUSAK, PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL, NUMEROUS OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS AND CUBAN AND SOVIET AMBASSADORS. HUSAK GAVE HIM SUPPER AT CASTLE, AND CASTRO DEPARTED FOR HAVANA SOMETIME AFTER MIDNIGHT.

2. "RUDE PRAVO" SEPTEMBER 18 CARRIES LENGTHY REPORT ON STOP, STATING HUSAK AND CASTRO EXCHANGED INFORMATION ON SITUATION IN RESPECTIVE PARTIES AND COUNTRIES, ASSESSED CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND DISCUSSED MAIN INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. MEETING IS DESCRIBED AS TAKING PLACE IN SPIRIT OF "SINCERITY AND DEEP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING"; ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION THERE WAS "ABSOLUTE ACCORD". INTER ALIA REORT CONDEMNS CHILEAN COUP "WITH SUPPORT

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OF WORLD IMPERIALISM AND INTERNATIONAL REACTION" (REPORT DOES NOT

NAME U.S.), OF WORLD IMPERIALISM AND APPLAUDS
CASTRO FOR HIS ROLE AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE AND FOR VISIT
TO DRV AND "LIBERATED REGIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAM".
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